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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S BILATERAL WITH DE GUIRINGAUD
MAY 29: CHINA

1. DURING COURSE OF HOUR-LONG BILATERAL WITH THE SECRETARY (NEWSOM, VEST AND MOOSE ALSO PRESENT), FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER (ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR DE LABOULAYE AND POLITICAL DIRECTOR MERILLON) RAISED CHINA.

2. IN BRIEF REFERENCE TO GISCARD'S CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT MAY 26, DE GUIRINGAUD SAID THAT NOTHING CONCERNING POSSIBLE FRENCH SALE OF NUCLEAR PLANT TO PRC HAD BEEN CONCLUDED YET, AND PROSPECT WAS FOR MONTHS OF ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS. HE NOTED INVOLVEMENT OF WESTINGHOUSE AND SAID GOF WOULD AT LATER TIME APPROACH USG TO TRY TO ASSURE
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THAT EXPORT LICENSE WAS FORTHCOMING. DE GUIRINGAUD COMMENTED THAT NUCLEAR PLANT FOR ENERGY WAS NOT BEYOND REACH OF CHINA'S OWN TECHNOLOGY; FRENCH SALE WOULD, HOWEVER, SPEED UP ITS ACHIEVEMENT. THE SECRETARY SAID WE WOULD DISCUSS THIS SALE IN USG, AND THEN WITH WESTINGHOUSE, AND THEN REPORT TO FRENCH WHETHER THERE WERE ANY PROBLEMS. CHRISTOPHER

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